Another motion has been put in by Mr. Gangadharan Nair which runs as follows :

"I move for the adjournment of the business of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance namely the situation created as a result of the hunger strike satyagraha of a poor teacher in Kottiyam."

HON'BLE MR. N. KUNJURAMAN: Under the rules the Minister concerned has to be supplied with a copy of the motion. I have not received this motion

MR. PRESIDENT: Since it is learnt that the Minister concerned is not served with a copy of the motion,—for want of due notice, the motion is ruled out of order.

MR. V. GANGADHARAN NAIR: It was placed on the Table of the House.

MR. PRESIDENT: The Hon'ble Minister says that he has not received it. You must trust the Minister at his word.

MR. P. BALAKRISHNAN TAMPI: We want to know how it is to be served. Is the member to run up to the Minister every morning and serve the motion The common form is to place the matter on the Table of the House.

MR. PRESIDENT: I shall give a ruling as to the form of serving a motion of this character. I shall make the matter definite.

MR. P. BALAKRISHNAN TAMPI: Such a blank answer as the motion has not been received by Ministers would not suit any purpose.

MR. P. T. CHACKO: I may point out that this very question was raised more than once in this House

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: The ruling then given is not in any way helpful.

MR. ABDUL RAZAAK: As stated by the member the ruling referred to being nebulous, it cannot be acted on as a guide.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have already said that I will give a ruling on this matter.

MR. G. RAMACHANDRAN: To say that a ruling will be given later, how does this ruling stand ?

MR. PRESIDENT: Till then this ruling is in force.

MR. G. RAMACHANDRAN: Then what is the ruling ?

MR. PRESIDENT: The Hon'ble member will kindly resume his seat and refer to the relevant portions of the proceedings.

MR G. RAMACHANDRAN: My point, Sir, is this. You, Sir, have stated that you will give a ruling later. So what is the ruling at the moment.

MR. PRESIDENT: No more question is allowed on that.

MR. G. RAMACHANDRAN: On a point of order Sir.

MR. PRESIDENT: No point of order can be raised when the President is on his legs.

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MR. G. RAMACHANDRAN: Sir, my point is this. You have said that you will give a ruling later.....

MR. PRESIDENT: Please resume your seat. There should be no further discussion on the ruling.

MR. G. RAMACHANDRAN: Sir, I am not raising a point of order. When the President has told.....

MR. PRESIDENT: You will please resume your seat. You cannot speak when the President is on his legs.

POINT OF ORDER *re*: NEED FOR MAKING STATEMENTS OF GOVERNMENT POLICY ON IMPORTANT QUESTIONS DURING EVERY SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY.

MR. A. NESAMONY: Sir, before the House proceeds on to the next business on the order paper I wish to have a ruling upon the matter which relates to a wholesome and healthy procedure of the House of Commons. Sir, it was usual for the President of the Assembly, usually the Dewans of Travancore, to make a statement on the policy of Government during the session of every Legislative Assembly. The House was informed of the developments that was taking place in the State's industrial expansion, its relations with outside States and other things, which the Head of the Administration thought it necessary that the members of the Assembly should know. But here, after we have had Responsible Government, it is regrettable for me to point out that the Prime Minister has never made up his mind to tell the members of this Assembly what has transpired during the period between respective sessions of the Assembly. I wish also to point out today to the Chair that there is a practice in the House of Commons for the Opposition to demand the Government or the Party in power to move for an adjournment of the House to ventilate the opinion of the Opposition Members on certain aspects of the Administration which cannot be moved as a matter for adjournment either from the members of the Opposition or from other members. I would refer to page 285 of May's Parliamentary Practice 14th Edition.

> "(6) *Adjournment motions in Government time.*—
> If no expression of opinion by the House is required, or if for some reason it is not desired to formulate a motion in express terms, a matter for which time is granted, may be discussed on a motion for the adjournment of the House, which is moved either before or between the orders of the day, and which accordingly can only be moved by a Minister (see p. 343). Such motions for the adjournment are also moved by the Government at the instance of the opposition, when it is not desired to challenge the authority of the Government but only to ventilate a subject without recording a decision of the House and also occasionally when the opposition wish to raise a matter of administrative policy which involves more than one department or issues too wide to be covered by a vote or group of kindred votes in supply."

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